

# FONSAP

## Friends of Newdigate School & Pre-School

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Please find below all the information you need to book and use the pool.

### Pool Costs:

- The pool can be hired for £15 per hour. There can be a maximum of 15 people in the water for a normal session hire.
- **Parties** - the pool can be hired for a larger group (maximum 15 people in the water) eg for a birthday party or other social occasion. A group session costs £15 per hour and must be hired for a minimum of 2 consecutive swim sessions (£30 in total). Payments must be made on PTA Events (not to Rachel Moon as in previous years).

The field will be available before/after the swim sessions and all families hiring the pool are welcome to make use of this for picnics.

### Pool Sessions (approx times):

#### Weekends / School Holidays:

- 10am to 11am
- 11.15am to 12.15pm
- 12.30pm to 1.30pm
- 1.45pm to 2.45pm
- 3pm to 4pm
- 4.15pm to 5.15pm
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- 6.45pm to 7.45pm

#### Term time weekdays:

- 3.15pm to 4.15pm (splash session)
- 5.15pm to 6.15pm
- 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Splash sessions are for up to 10 current pupils and siblings at £3 each. Non swimmers must have an accompanying adult in the water at all times.

### Pool procedures:

- The pool can be hired out to:
  - Families of current and past Newdigate School children
  - Families of current and past Newdigate Pre-School children
  - Newdigate School and Pre-School staff
  - St Michael's School (Mickleham) pupils
  - St Michael's School (Mickleham) staff
  - Staff of Dorking Schools Partnership schools
  - Pool volunteers
  - Local friends & family of those eligible (listed above) will also be able to use the pool but must be recommended to us by an eligible user and their contact details must be registered with us. If you would like to recommend a pool user please complete a Recommend A Pool User form on [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool)
- **There will be no lifesaver or first aider on duty. Parents will be responsible for their children in the water at all times.**
- **Children, including teenagers, must not use the pool without an adult present.**
- Please wear swim hats to minimise hair clogging the filters.
- The changing rooms will be available to use or families can arrive ready to swim.

- The toilets in the Rainbow Room will be open after school after 5pm, at weekends and during school holidays for pool users. Toilets are not usable after school during the 3.15pm splash session so please ensure that children use the toilet before coming out of school or pre-school.
- Small inflatables and swim toys can be brought to the pool but must be clean, enjoyed sensibly and taken home at the end of the session.
- Session times are strictly one hour long. Please do not arrive before your timeslot. Please exit the pool, dry off and close/lock the pool gate by the end of your session time. Please leave the school grounds immediately.
- FONSAP pool volunteers will be responsible for removing the pool cover at the start of the day and testing the water. Please use the net at the beginning of your session if there is debris in the water. **If you have booked the final slot of the day, or no one has booked after you (please check the online booking system) please cover the pool.** Instructions will be left at the pool.
- **POOL GATES MUST BE LOCKED AT THE END OF THE SESSION.** The playground gate must be left open to allow access to the next users.

### **Booking:**

To book a session please go to: [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool)

When booking a slot you will need to confirm that you have read and agree to the pool rules (see below). Pool volunteers often pop down to the pool for maintenance reasons. Committee members, pool volunteers and members of staff will regularly check the pool during the week, weekends and holidays. **If you are observed breaking the rules you will not be allowed to hire the pool.**

There will be a small booking fee and online payment fee added before checkout. **Please check-out one session at a time** because if we need to refund a session for any reason, this can't be done if a bulk booking has been made. Refunds are usually only made due to thunder/lightening preventing swimming.

### **Access:**

On arrival at the pool gates you will need to use a code to open the lock. **Please read your booking confirmation email carefully as it will include the access code.** The code will be changed on a regular basis.

### **Contact:**

If there is a problem with the pool eg if a child has a toilet accident or if there is another problem with the water, please contact the school office if it is open. Alternatively, call Carole Chaplin on 07879635581 or Toni Harrington on 07793 012297.

For any non-urgent queries, please email [newdigateschoolpool@outlook.com](mailto:newdigateschoolpool@outlook.com)

Please do come and use our wonderful pool. We are so lucky to have this facility!

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# Newdigate Swimming Pool Rules

- 1. No swimmer should come to the pool if they are showing any signs of being unwell.**
2. A parent or older sibling over the age of 18 years must accompany children and supervise their children at all times. Unaccompanied children are not allowed on the school site.
3. All swimmers to wear swimming hats to prevent filters from clogging up with hair.
4. **Parents to be vigilant at all times. Parents of non-swimmers are asked to be extra vigilant. There are no life savers or first aiders in attendance. Swimmers use the pool at their own risk.** Those with babies should bathe with them and must be responsible for their safety. Non-swimmers may not go beyond the white painted line in the shallow end.
5. Babies under 2 years and toddlers not toilet trained must wear swim nappies.
6. Swimmers on medication or with a medical condition, eg asthma, must keep their medication close by.
7. Small inflatables, floats and toys can be brought to the pool but should be clean and rinsed before use (due to risk of Weil's disease).
8. Food and drink must not be consumed within the pool area. **Smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted on the school site.**
9. **No running around, standing on the wall or jumping in or diving off the wall.** Access to the pool is only permitted through the footbath and steps. **(Please enter the water backwards down the steps).**
10. Children hold on to the handrails using their hands only as their arms can become stuck behind the handrail. They must not lean on them with their arms or particularly their elbows. Children must not use the handrails to climb out. Children must not put their hands in the skimmer inflow / filters.
11. No swimming if suffering with an infection or within 48 hours of sickness or diarrhoea. Verrucas must be covered by a latex sock.
12. If the pool is contaminated with faeces, vomit or a large amount of blood, leave the pool, remove any solid contamination with the net and contact the pool team as the pool will need to be closed for 24 hours.
13. If the blue rope is hanging down from the rolled up cover, please move it up on to the cover so there is no risk from the hanging rope.
14. **Please leave the pool immediately if there is a storm (thunder and lightning) and only return to the water 30 minutes after the last thunder.**
15. If closing the pool, please refer to the instructions attached to the pool gates.
16. **Please lock the pool gates after your swim to for safety reasons.** Please always leave the playground gates open otherwise the next swimmers can't access the pool.

Please note: Surrey County Council, its Officers and employees, governors and staff of Newdigate School, and FONSAP members cannot accept any liability for any loss or damage to property or injury to persons using the swimming pool.

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